

# CITY OF WOBURN NOTICE

## SMOKE TESTING

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**In order to improve sewer and drain service, on behalf of the City of Woburn, Weston & Sampson will conduct smoke testing of the sanitary sewer in the coming days from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, between September 28, 2020 to November 20, 2020, weather permitting.**

During the test, white smoke is introduced to the sanitary sewer system via a smoke-generating machine. During this procedure, white smoke will be venting from holes in manhole covers located in the street and from plumbing vent pipes located on or near your roof surface. THIS IS NORMAL AND SHOULD NOT CAUSE ALARM.

Smoke should not enter your premises unless there is a dry trap in an unused fixture or a defect in your plumbing. You may wish to pour two gallons of water down your basement floor drain or unused plumbing fixture to ensure that the drain trap will be effective.

Should smoke be detected within your building, do not be alarmed. The smoke is NON-TOXIC, NON-STAINING, and dissipates quickly through open windows. IF YOU HAVE A LUNG AILMENT or RESPIRATORY CONDITION SUCH AS ASTHMA OR EMPHYSEMA, STAY AWAY FROM THE SMOKE. Any smoke within a building should be immediately reported to the persons conducting the tests.

**PRIOR TO SMOKE TESTING, THE CITY OF WOBURN MUST IDENTIFY LOCATIONS OF RESIDENTS WITH POOR HEALTH CONDITIONS. ALTHOUGH THE SMOKE IS NON-TOXIC AND NON-STAINING, IT IS CAPABLE OF CAUSING IRRITATION, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WITH LUNG AILMENTS SUCH AS ASTHMA OR EMPHYSEMA. IF YOU HAVE A RELATED HEALTH CONDITION PLEASE CONTACT WESTON & SAMPSON ENGINEERS, INC. AT (339) 227-6647 or [woburnsmoketesting@wseinc.com](mailto:woburnsmoketesting@wseinc.com). LEAVE A MESSAGE INCLUDING YOUR NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED PROMPTLY.**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE AT HOME DURING THE SMOKE TESTING.
- IF YOU WORK DURING THE DAY, PLEASE TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO VENTILATE THE AREA WHERE YOUR PET WILL BE.